

**IN RECOGNITION OF “THE DEDICATION OF THE AUGUSTA CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA
INTERPRETIVE CENTER”**

WHEREAS, Augusta has returned time and again to its waters to strengthen and renew itself; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Augusta Canal, in 1845, transformed a struggling city into a thriving manufacturing center and powered an industrial revolution that reinvented the City and the South; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Canal remains intact today as a constant reminder of the vision of its founders and the sacrifice and dedication of its workers; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 1996 recognized the Canal's historical significance by designating the Augusta Canal a National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Canal Authority and the National Park Service recognized that the lessons of our past can illuminate our future and have, therefore, created the Augusta Canal National Heritage Interpretive Center to tell the story of the Canal and its impact on the City and the Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2003 as “DEDICATION DAY FOR THE AUGUSTA CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE INTERPRETIVE CENTER” and urge all citizens to partake of the lessons therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 17th day of April 2003.